

Economic Research Area Divisions

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Chief, Economic Research Area

East German Priority Targets

1. Reference is made to the matter of DD/P's intention to reorient its economic intelligence collection efforts in East Germany towards four priority targets. As previously indicated EE Division has selected from the IPC requirements list the following four targets (State Planning Commission, Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Finance, and Ministry of Trade). In our previous discussions, there appeared to be general agreement within the area that these four did in fact represent the best selection of targets for information of the type we require.

2. DD/P (EE) has now requested that, within these targets, we provide detailed lists of requirements to guide their collection efforts. They are thinking primarily in terms of documentary material (plans, budgets and other classified data) and have requested that we provide as much detail as possible on the exact titles of documents, physical locations within the organizations where they might be found and names and/or titles of officials most likely to be using the documents or to have the readiest access to them. In short, the need is for as much operational support data as possible. Choice of targets should not take into consideration the probable difficulty of collection.

3. It is requested that each Division prepare such a list in accordance with EE's requirements. Since it is necessary that the area-wide list be furnished in order of priority, St/PR will, in consultation with Division representatives, determine a final priority listing for Ch/E's approval and for forwarding to DD/P.

4. Please submit your list in duplicate to St/PR by c.e.b.

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